



House Bill No. 5513

Public Act No. 13-127

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW
BY NOTARIES PUBLIC.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) A notary public shall not offer or provide legal advice to any person in immigration matters or represent any person in immigration proceedings unless such notary public (1) has been admitted as an attorney under the provisions of section 51-80 of the general statutes, or (2) is authorized pursuant to 8 CFR 292.2 to practice immigration law or represent persons in immigration proceedings.

(b) A notary public shall not assume, use or advertise the title of notario or notario publico, unless such notary public (1) has been admitted as an attorney under the provisions of section 51-80 of the general statutes, or (2) indicates in any advertisement or otherwise provides written notice that such notary public is not licensed as an attorney in this state.

(c) Any notary public who violates any provision of this section shall have committed a violation of subsection (a) of section 51-88 of the general statutes and be subject to the penalties set forth in subsection (b) of section 51-88 of the general statutes.

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